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tained by the Astronomical and Trigonometrical Survey of Massachusetts. Published agreeably to a Resolve of the General Court, by John G. Palfrey, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston, 1846. 8vo.—*From Charles O. Boutelle.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. IV. May, 1846. No. 41. 8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

Facts and Considerations relative to Duties on Books; addressed to the Library Committee of Brown University. By C. C. Jewett. Providence, 1846. 8vo.—*From Mr. John Penington.*

Mr. Alger on New Localities of Rare Minerals, and the Identity of Species supposed to be Distinct. From the Transactions of the Boston Society of Natural History. *From the Author.*

The President announced the death of Dr. Mease, which took place the 14th instant, in the 75th year of his age.

On motion of Dr. Bache, Dr. Elwyn was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

Mr. Lea announced the death of Mr. John Pickering, of Boston, a member of this Society.

The report of the meeting of the Board of Officers and Council, held 8th of May, 1846, was read.

Special Meeting, May 29.

Present, twenty-three members.

Dr. Chapman, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Ord moved that the special business of the meeting be postponed, for the purpose of considering a communication from the Athenian Institute.

A letter was then read from the Secretary of the Athenian Institute, dated May 15th, 1846, conveying a resolution in the following words:—

At a meeting of the Counsellors of the Athenian Institute, held on the evening of May 12th, 1846, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.—

Resolved, That whenever he shall be so directed in writing by this Committee, the Treasurer shall loan to the American Philosophical

Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting Useful Knowledge, three-fourths of the funds belonging to the Institute, for four years, without interest; and shall loan to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania one-fourth of the remainder of such funds, for four years, without interest; the said loans to be secured by bond and warrant of attorney.

Mr. Sill's letter mentioned that the amount which might be expected by the Society, will be from $700 to $900.

On motion of Dr. Patterson—*Resolved*, That the loan offered by the Athenian Institute be accepted by the Society, and that the President and Treasurer be instructed to affix the corporate seal to the stipulated securities.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to convey to the Counsellors of the Athenian Institute, the acknowledgments of the Society for the aid so liberally tendered.

On motion of Mr. Fraley, the Society proceeded to consider the alteration of the By-laws, proposed at the meeting of the 15th instant.

Stated Meeting, June 19.

Present, twenty-six members.

Dr. Patterson, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were announced and read:—

From the Linnean Society of London, dated April 2d, 1846, acknowledging the receipt of the Transactions of the Society, Vol. IX. Part 2d, and of the Proceedings, Nos. 32 and 33:—

From the Royal Institute of Sciences, Belles Lettres and Arts, of the Low Countries, dated Amsterdam, Jan. 23, 1846, on transmitting a part of the Transactions of the Institution:—

From the Historical Society of New York, dated New York, May 22d, 1846, on transmitting copies of a circular in reference to proposed changes in the tariff, as affecting the interests of literary institutions:—

From the Local Committee of the Association of American